Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The age recorded in the service book of Mr. Ranganatha Aiyar when he was first entertained in the High Court and attested by the High Court was accepted by the Account Officer.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: With reference to the answer to part (*b*), there is difference between the age given in the old Civil List and that given in the latest one. Which is it that the Government have accepted as correct ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The latest Civil List gives the correct age of the officer.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: Have the Government enquired into the question as to whether the wrong age was given deliberately or whether the mistake was inadvertent ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Government discovered the discrepancy in his age by comparison with that of his brother. He was asked to explain the discrepancy and he produced certain documents to prove that the age he had given was correct. Government, on enquiry, found that it was not correct.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai (*Municipal Councils*) : Is it at the time of appointment or at the time of confirmation that officers are asked to furnish proof of age ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Usually, at the time of appointment.

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133. ***Mr. K. Padmanabha Panikkar** (*Ambalapuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the present total strength of the V. P. School in Ariad South pakuthi, Ambalapuzha taluk ;

(*b*) the number of pupils that could be conveniently accommodated in the school building ;

(*c*) whether the people of the locality have given contribution towards the construction of an additional shed for the school ;

(*d*) whether a regular estimate has been sanctioned for the additional shed ; and

(*e*) if so, when they propose to erect the shed ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) 317.

(*b*) 183.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Arrangements are being made to erect the shed this year.

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